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SUBJECT: GEISEL VISIT TO FRANCE - RESULTS

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THERE WERE NO UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE APRIL 26-28 VISIT OF PRESIDENT GEISEL IN FRANCE. THE POLITICAL PORTIONS OF THE COMMUNIQUE STRESSED THE INDEPENDENCE OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND THEIR COMMON INTERESTS IN AFRICA. COMMERCIAL/ECONOMIC FIELDS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WERE NOTED BUT ONLY ONE SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED, THIS AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF GEISEL. FRENCH-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION STILL APPEARS DISTANT. END SUMMARY.

2. THE WORDING OF THE POLITICAL PORTIONS OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED UPON GEISEL'S DEPARTURE APRIL 28 STRESSES THE INDEPENDENT STATUS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. THE FOLLOWING UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATIONS

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OF PORTIONS OF THE COMMUNIQUE MAKE THIS CLEAR:

"....CONSCIOUS OF THE DIFFERENCE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PROBLEMS, ZEALOUS IN THE PRESERVATION OF THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND OF THE RESPECT OF THEIR PERSONALITY, THE TWO COUNTRIES BELIEVE THEY CAN OFFER THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THE FRUITS OF THEIR COMPLIMENTARY AND CONSTRUCTIVE EXPERIENCES....THE TWO PRESIDENTS CONFIRM THAT THEIR EFFORTS CONVERGE IN THE PURSUIT OF A MORE JUST REDISTRIBUTION OF THE FRUITS OF PROGRESS. THE DIALOGUE MAINTAINED IN THE CIEC, AS WELL AS OTHER FORUMS, IS A POSITIVE STEP IN THE PROCESS OF INSTALLING A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER.... THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE STRESSED THE EMINENT POSITION OF BRAZIL IN THE (LATIN AMERICAN) CONTINENT AND THE CONTRIBUTION IT BRINGS TOWARDS ITS STABILITY AND DYNAMISM...."

3. ON AFRICAN MATTERS THE COMMUNIQUE STATES

"....THE TWO PRESIDENTS WERE CONFIDENT IN THE CAPACITY OF AFRICA TO RESOLVE ITS PROBLEMS WITHOUT EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE....THEY UNDERLINED THE CLOSE TIES WHICH UNITE BRAZIL AND FRANCE TO THE COUNTRIES OF THAT CONTINENT AND STRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO REINFORCE EFFECTIVE COOPERATION WITH THEM."

4. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL PORTIONS OF THE COMMUNIQUE ARE MORE SPECIFIC BUT DO NOT MENTION ONE SINGLE AGREEMENT REACHED DURING VISIT. FRENCH BUSINESS INTEREST IN COOPERATIVE PROJECTS IN THE FOLLOWING FIELDS ARE MENTIONED: ELECTRICAL GENERATING AND TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT, SOLAR ENERGY, PETROLEUM RESEARCH AND EXPLORATION, PETROCHEMICALS, AIR AND LAND TRANSPORTATION, PORT AND AIR EQUIPMENT, SPACE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AIRCRAFT CONSTRUCTION, INFORMATION AND MECHANICAL INDUSTRIES.

5. COMMUNIQUE NOTES THE FOLLOWING POSSIBLE PROJECTS TO BE NEGOTIATED ON A PRIORITY BASIS:

1. HYDROELECTRICITY: SPECIAL FINANCING, INCLUDING A GOVERNMENT LOAN, MAY BE GRANTED BY THE GOF
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FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GENERATING STATION. BESIDES THIS, THE GOF TAKES NOTE, WITH INTEREST, OF CURRENT DISCUSSIONS OVER THE CREATION OF A EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM, TO INCLUDE FRENCH PARTICIPATION INVOLVING EXPORT CREDITS UNDER NORMAL TERMS AND PRIVATE BANKING FINANCING.

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2. PETROCHEMICAL AND FERTILIZER, PARTICULARLY,
A PETROCHEMICAL CENTRAL IN RIO GRANDE DO SUL.

3. SUGAR HANDLING FACILITIES FOR THE PORT
OF SANTOS.

4. FURNISHING, BY FRENCH INDUSTRY, OF LOCOMOTIVE
AND ROLLING STOCK TO THE FEDERAL RAILROAD.

5. INSTALLATION OF A BRAZILIAN AREA IN THE
FREE PORT AREA OF LE HAVRE HARBOR TO FACILITATE
TRANSIT ACTIVITY, WAREHOUSING, AND TRANSFORMATION OF
SEMI-FINISHED GOODS AND THEIR DISTRIBUTION.

6. FRANCO-BRAZILIAN COOPERATION IN PETROLEUM
FIELD, PRINCIPALLY CONCERNING OFF-SHORE EXPLORATION
TECHNOLOGY.

7. INCREASE IN FRENCH PURCHASES OF BRAZILIAN

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8. DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT OPERATIONS IN THIRD COUNTRIES.

6. IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNIQUE ARE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: "THE TWO PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN THE EXPLORATION OF BRAZILIAN UNDERGROUND RESOURCES, MAINLY IN IRON ORE, BAUXITE AND NON-FERROUS ORES.....AND IN POSSIBLE COOPERATION ON NEW SOURCES OF ENERGY, PARTICULARLY SOLAR ENERGY." END UNCLASSIFIED.

7. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL

BOTH QUAI AND BRAZILIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS CLAIMED TO BE PLEASED WITH THE VISIT BUT NEITHER SIDE BELIEVE THE VISIT WILL LEAD TO A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN FRENCH-BRAZILIAN TRADE. BOTH PARTIES CLAIMED THE PROTESTS AGAINST THE VISIT WERE MINOR AND UNIMPORTANT.

8. WE IN FACT SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY LACK OF ANY SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENTS REACHED DURING THE VISIT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AFTER GEISEL'S DEPARTURE, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED WITH THE BRAZILIAN MINISTERIAL TEAM REMAINING IN FRANCE ON A \$240 MILLION PACKAGE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PETROCHEMICAL PLANT. WE ARE SEEKING DETAILS. A GENERAL AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION ON SOLAR ENERGY RESEARCH WAS ALSO REACHED. QUAI OFFICIALS TELL US THAT THE CONSORTIUM HYDROELECTRIC PROPOSALS WILL BE FURTHER NEGOTIATED IN BRAZIL. THESE OFFICIALS ARE WELL AWARE OF BRAZIL'S DEBT SERVICE RATIO PROBLEMS, ARE CLEARLY CONCERNED BY IT, BUT ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENTS MADE SO FAR. QUAI OFFICIALS SAID THERE WAS NO SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF NUCLEAR MATTERS. WHAT, IF TRUE, MUST BE SOMETHING OF A DISAPPOINTMENT SINCE THEY HAVE HAD HOPES OF SOME COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT IN THE PAST.

9. THE PRESIDENTIAL TALKS WERE CONDUCTED WITHOUT INTERPRETERS AND WE FOUND NEITHER THE QUAI OR THE
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BRAZILIAN EMBASSY WAS AWARE OF DETAILS OF WHAT HAD

BEEN SAID. QUAI LATIN AMERICAN DIRECTOR CESAIRE DID
NOTE THAT GEISEL EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE U.S. AND
FORMER COLONIAL POWERS IN AFRICA WOULD NOT BE DRAWN
INTO ONE SIDED SUPPORT OF WHITE REGIME'S IN SOUTH
AFRICA BECAUSE OF SOVIET AND CUBAN SUPPORT TO
OPPOSING MOVEMENTS. END CONFIDENTIAL.
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